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Railtown 1897 Presents “Singing Rails” Railroad Music Festival on August 6

Grammy Award Winner Laurie Lewis to Headline 2nd Annual Event

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – On Saturday evening, August 6, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) is sponsoring a festive “Singing Rails” musical event that reflects America’s longstanding love affair with trains and the railroad through the magic of music.

As a treat to music lovers everywhere, the talented Laurie Lewis is set to headline the 2nd annual event sure to delight fans near and far. Along with her band known as The Right Hands with Tom Rozum, Chad Manning, Patrick Sauber and Andrew Conklin, Lewis will entertain the audience with her signature style that includes legendary American folk music and popular bluegrass tunes. In addition to her Grammy award in 1997 for “True Life Blues: The Songs of Bill Monroe,” Lewis has twice been named as Female Vocalist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. Known for her sweet-singing and soft spoken nature, Lewis is an accomplished fiddler, singer and songwriter in her own right.

Opening for Laurie Lewis and The Right Hands will be Coyote Hill, an acoustic band of veteran players and rising young talent from the Central Sierra Nevada Foothill region of California. Their music is a mix of original and diverse styles that includes, but is not limited to, folk, swing, Celtic, jazz, Americana and bluegrass.

The family-friendly evening activities will take place outdoors on the sprawling Roundhouse lawn at Railtown 1897 SHP with Coyote Hill beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Laurie Lewis beginning at 7 p.m.

While refreshments and food will be available for purchase at the event, guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic items. Advance tickets cost \$20 for adults and are free for children 12 and under when accompanied by a paid adult. If still available on the day of the event, tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$25. Tickets are available now for online purchase at www.railtown1897.org and more information is available at 209-984-3953.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas,

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and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org